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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of Akira HOMMI, *et al.*

Group Art Unit : 3663

Application No. : 10/525,871

Examiner : Chuong P. NGUYEN

Filed : February 25, 2005

Docket No. : 12699/19

For : **ROAD SURFACE CONDITION CHANGE
ESTIMATION APPARATUS, CORRESPONDING...**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP -- AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2006 in the above-identified application, the Applicants respectfully submit the following.

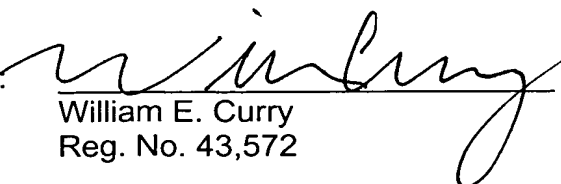
Remarks

Claims 2-17 are pending in the application. In response to the requirement for restriction set forth in the above-identified Office Action, the Applicants hereby elect Invention IA, drawn to an apparatus/subcombination (a road surface condition change estimation), claims 2-9 and species A1 (the embodiment of FIG.1) for further prosecution in the application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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